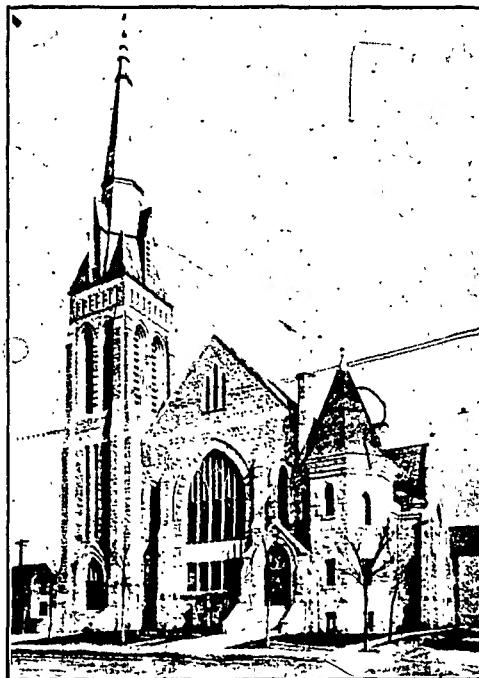


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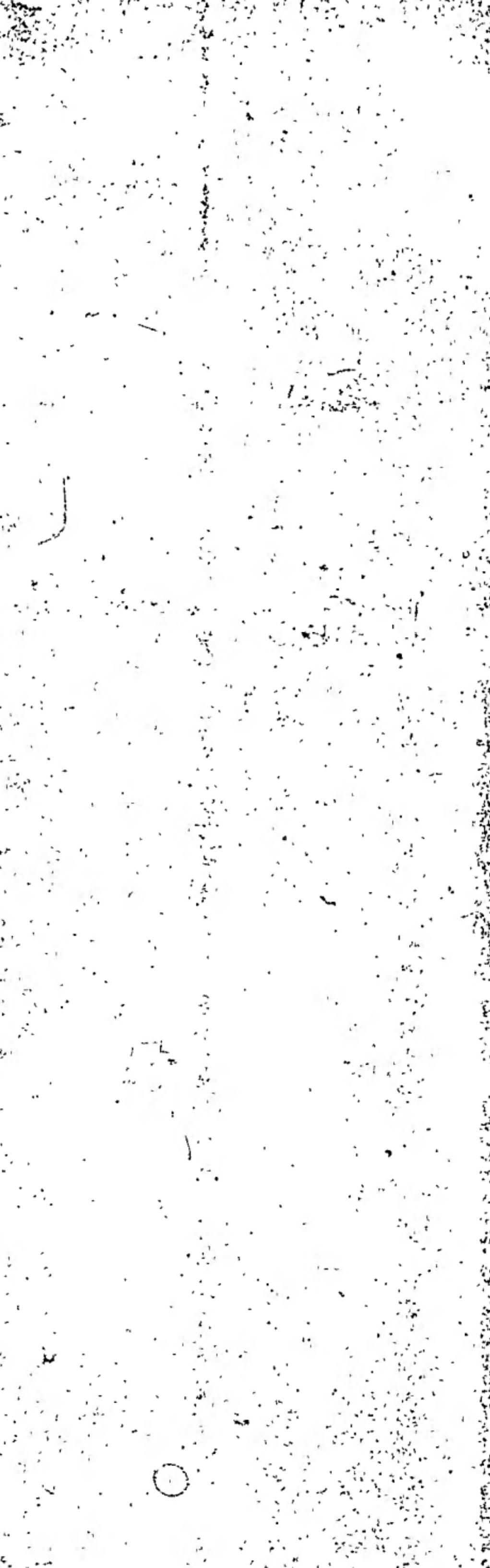
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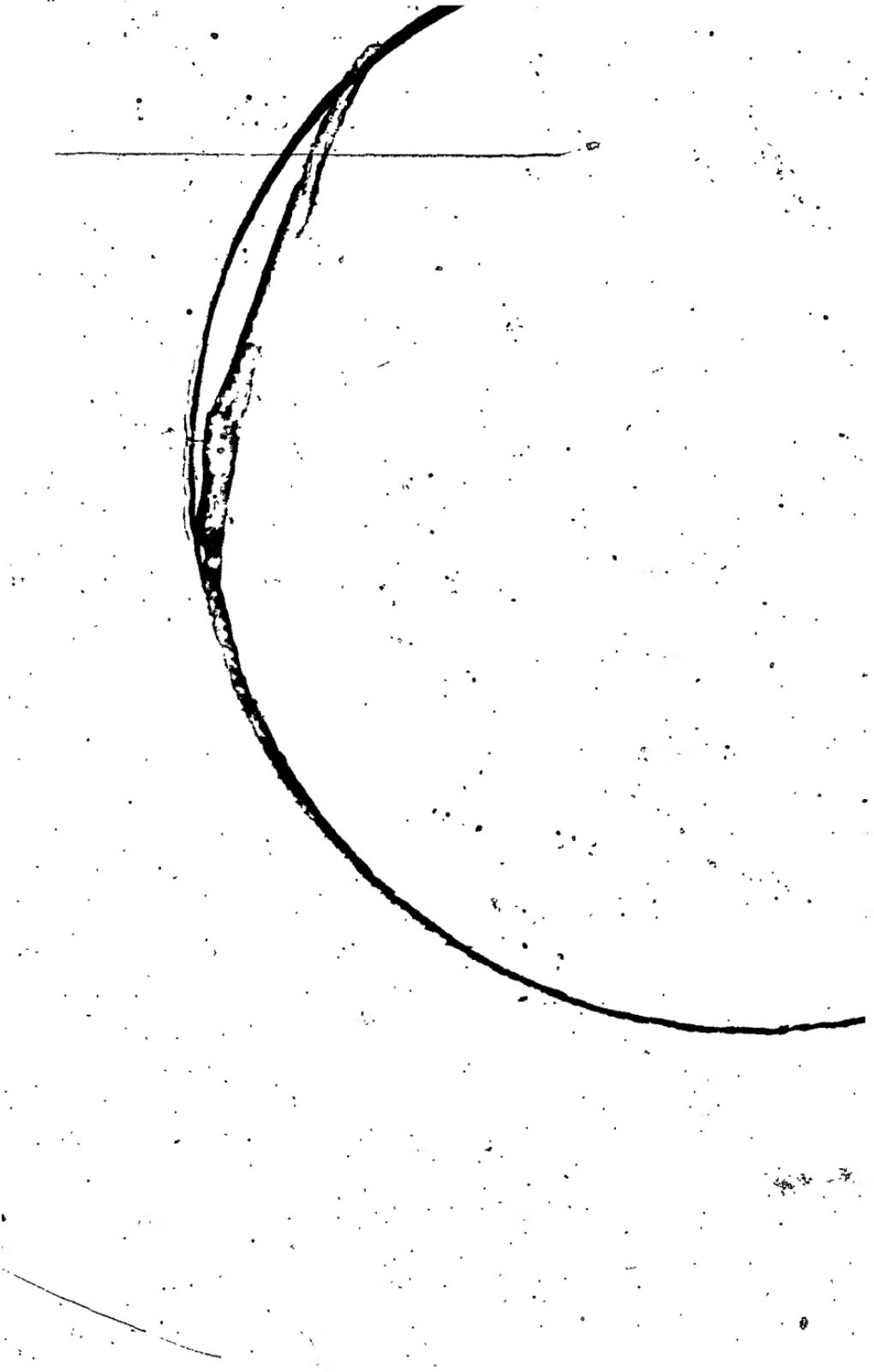
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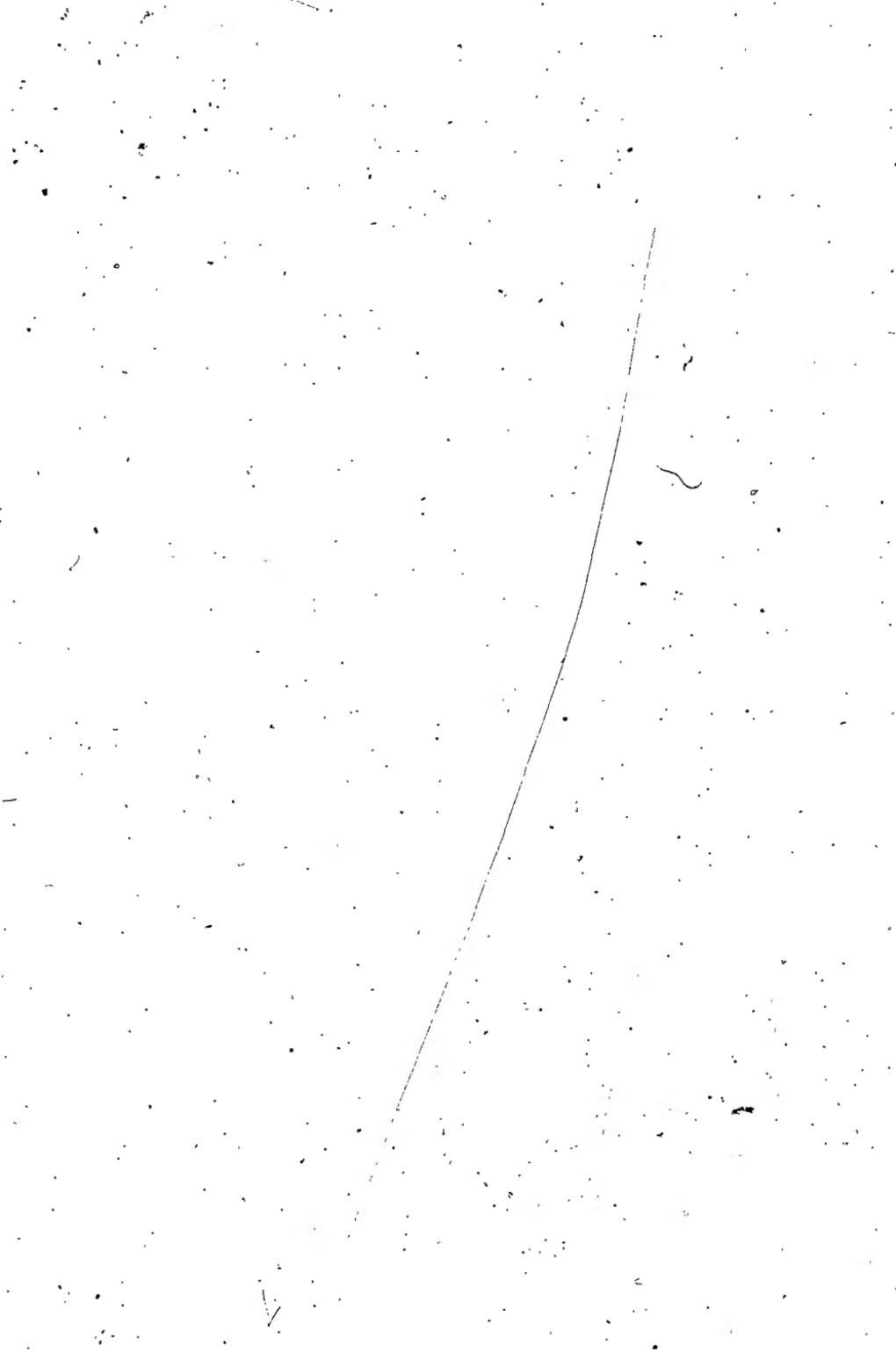


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**FORTIETH
ANNIVERSARY**



1887 — 1927



Programme of Services
Celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the Founding
of Augustine Church

Sunday, October 16th-11 a.m.—Rev. A. B. Baird, D.D.,
the first minister of Augustine, will preach.

7 p.m.—Rev. G. B. Wilson, D.D., of Park Manor Congre-
gational Church, Chicago, the third minister of
Augustine, will preach.

Wednesday evening, Oct., 19th—Social gathering of the
congregation. Addresses by Dr. Baird, Dr. Wilson and
Dr. Pidgeon. Greetings from other churches. Music
by the organist, Mr. Wilfred Layton, F.R.C.O., the
Church Choir and The Girls' Choral Class. Refresh-
ments will be served by the Ladies' Aid.

Thursday, Oct., 20th-12.15 p.m.—Luncheon of the men
of the congregation in honour of the former ministers
of Augustine. This gathering is in charge of the Men's
Club, and will be held in the Hudson's Bay Lunchroom.

Sunday, Oct., 23rd-11 a.m., and 7 p.m.—Rev. E. Leslie
Pidgeon, D.D., of Erskine Church, Montreal, the fourth
minister of Augustine, will preach.

Tuesday, Oct., 25th-2.30 p.m.—Gathering of the women
of the congregation at the Joint Thank Offering meet-
ing of the W. M. S., and Ladies' Aid, to be addressed
by Dr. Pidgeon.

Sunday, Oct., 30th—Anniversary Communion Services.

Tuesday, Nov., 1st—Young People's Banquet in charge of
Young People's Federation.

AUGUSTINE CHURCH

Roll of Charter Members of Augustine Church

Hon. Thomas Wardlaw Taylor.....	Deceased
Mrs. Margaret Taylor.....	"
Thomas Wardlaw Taylor (Jr.).....	Now Presbyterian minister at St. Andrew's N.B.
Annie Taylor	Now Mrs. F. M. Westbrook, Vancouver
George Vallance Taylor.....	Deceased
Janet C. Taylor	Now Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Vancouver
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong.....	Deceased
Jennie Armstrong	
Mrs. A. B. Baird	
Myrtle Armstrong	
Andrew Curle	
Mrs. Andrew Curle	Deceased
Mrs. R. B. Harstone	Vancouver, B.C.
James Russell	Deceased
Mrs. James Russell	"
Lizzie Russell	Now Mrs. I. L. Melmis, Neepawa
James Russell (Jr.)	Tacoma, Washington
Frank Russell	Now Dr. Frank Russell, India
Mrs. William Bain	Deceased
Mrs. Andrew Denholm	"
Mrs. H. M. Drummond	"
William Johnstone	"
Mrs. William Johnstone	"
John McKinnon	Deceased
Mrs. John McKinnon	"
Christina McKinnon	Now Mrs. J. R. Spear, Vancouver
Alexander McMicken	Deceased
Mrs. Alexander McMicken	
Mrs. W. G. Scott	East St. Paul's, Manitoba
Robert M. Smith	London, England
Stuart Jackson	Deceased
Mrs. Stuart Jackson	
William Jackson	Deceased
Mrs. William Jackson	"
George Curle	Oak Bluff, Manitoba

All the above presented certificates from other congregations

The following were received on profession of faith

Martha Armstrong	
Belle Armstrong	
Janet Curle	Now Mrs. Harry Simpkin, Regina
Lily Jackson	Now Mrs. R. B. Douglas, Edmonton
William Johnstone	



Rev. Prof. A. B. Baird, D.D.
First Minister of Augustine 1887—1891
Session Clerk 1896 to present

The Story of the Forty Years.

By Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D.

Augustine Church is the fourth in order of seniority among the former Presbyterian Churches of Winnipeg. It was antedated by Knox, St. Andrew's and St. Giles. The early residents of Fort Rouge were keenly sensible of the inconveniences under which they labored in the matter of church accommodation. Those were the days before there were Sunday street cars, and of course automobiles were unheard of; and to walk from Wellington Crescent to Knox Church was rather a severe test of one's enthusiasm for Sunday services. Of course it was better than it had been in the still earlier days when the members of the McMicken family ferried themselves across the river in a row boat, near where Osborne Street is now, and walked from there to church. However serious the difficulties were, it was not till 1887 that the Presbyterians of Fort Rouge felt themselves numerous enough to plan for a church of their own.

The leader in the campaign was Chief Justice Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, who a few years before had come from Toronto to serve as a judge in the Court of Queen's Bench, and who had built a house on the bank of the Assiniboine near where Wardlaw Avenue now joins Wellington Crescent. This house was reached by an interesting and winding path through the woods, but it was a long walk from Knox Church, where the Chief Justice, almost from the date of his arrival had served as an elder, and an active worker. Himself the son of a minister, and with years of service as an elder behind him in Toronto, he took an active and intelligent part in church work wherever he went. In the month of April 1887, the Chief Justice, with the co-operation of a few like-minded citizens of Fort Rouge, bought a site on River Avenue at the corner of Royal Street, for \$800.00, and the building of a church was undertaken. Mr. John McKinnon used afterwards to tell how he and the Chief Justice met by appointment at the spot, pulled down their caps over their ears, and pushed their way

through the tangle of the willows and under brush that covered the lots, to mark out the location of the proposed building.

Meanwhile the Presbytery of Winnipeg had given consent to the establishment of the mission and had appointed Mr. Norman Russell, B.A., to conduct services for the summer, in the old Pembina Road school which stood where the Gladstone school now is. Mr. Norman Russell was the son of Mr. James Russell, one of the chief promoters of the new cause, and a brother of Mr. J. H. G. Russell, and Mr. T. Gordon Russell, still conspicuous in the service of Augustine Church. Mr. Norman Russell had been a student in the University of Toronto, and from this time forward, continued his studies in Manitoba College, going afterwards as a missionary to Central India, where he laid down his life in service.

A Sunday School was established with Mr. James Russell as Superintendent, and soon through the activity of the young missionary, there were signs of healthy growth. The little church did not take long to complete and was dedicated on the 8th August, the Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford, Ontario, who happened to be a visitor in the city, preaching in the morning and the Rev. D. B. Whimster of what is now St. Giles Church, conducting the service in the evening. The building was a plain, but substantial and comfortable edifice, capable of accommodating about 150 people. It was seated with chairs and heated with stoves. The total cost of site and church amounted to the unbelievably small sum of \$2062.71, but it is to be remembered that Mr. McKinnon was the contractor and the undertaking was to him a labour of love. The collection at the opening services amounted to what the Free Press the next day called "the creditable sum of \$46.70". The congregation had, however, the less reason to be concerned about the size of the collection because there had already been a vigorous campaign for the building fund, and by the self-denying gifts of the Fort Rouge people, and the generous help of men throughout the city, the total cost was provided for, and within a year the church was free of debt. The Rev. Principal King of Manitoba College, always an active friend of the congregation, contributed a

silver communion service. Mr. George W. Murray made and presented a pulpit, and Mr. W. F. Henderson gave a handsome pulpit chair.



The late Rev. Norman H. Russell
Student in charge of Augustine 1887
Missionary in India 1890—1902

By the time Mr. Norman Russell needed in September, to resume his college studies, the Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D., had arrived in Winnipeg to join the staff of Manitoba College. The congregation asked him to take charge of the new church in addition to his college work. He accepted the invitation and was inducted on the 9th of October, 1887. The Fort Rouge Methodist Church, established about the same time, had also a double arrangement for its pastorate, the Reverend Enos Langford, preaching in the

Fort Rouge Church in the south end of the city, and also in MacDougall Church in the north end. Steps were now taken for the completion of the organization of the congregation. With the aid of an interim session provided by the Presbytery, a communion roll was formed. It contained forty names—eighteen members coming from Knox Church, nine from St. Andrew's, eight from various congregations in Canada and the old land, and five being young people who made a public profession of their faith for the first time. Of these forty, only four are still members of Augustine Church: Andrew Curle, Mrs. Stuart Jackson, Mrs. Wm. Johnstone, and Mrs. A. B. Baird. A Session was elected with three members: Chief Justice Taylor, James Russell, and John McKinnon, and a Board of Management consisting of Chief Justice Taylor, D. A. Ross, and W. G. Scott. The name Augustine Church was unanimously adopted. It was a name which had been proposed by the

Chief Justice for the church to which he belonged in Toronto, but which after a very prolonged and dramatic discussion, had been rejected. Now, however, biding his time, the advocate of this euphonious and appropriate name, had the satisfaction of seeing it unanimously adopted as the name of the church which has grown to be one of the strongest in Canada. The services of the members of the Taylor family for the church, were conspicuous and numerous—in fact, the church was now and then humorously called the Taylor's Church. The Chief Justice was a member of the Session and its Clerk, he was a member of the Board of Management and the Treasurer, and acted as usher at the Sunday service. Mrs. Taylor (afterwards Lady Taylor) was leader of the Choir. The boys and girls swept the floor on Saturday and lit the fires on Sunday morning.

For several years the growth of the congregation was steady, though not rapid—more than keeping pace, however, with the development of Fort Rouge. There were valuable additions during these years, among them being Mr. Hugh Ross and his family. Mr. Ross had been an elder in St. Andrew's Church, and on removing his residence to Fort Rouge, he threw himself heartily into the work of the new church, becoming an elder and Superintendent of the Sunday School, and continuing as Superintendent until failing health obliged him to relinquish office. It was in this early period, too, that Mr. E. F. Stephenson and his family connected themselves with Augustine Church. Mr. Stephenson as an elder, and as Superintendent for many years of the Children's Home Sunday School, greatly endeared himself to the children with whom he spent his Sunday afternoons. The Children's Home was situated in those days on River Avenue, and the older children used to come to Augustine Church on Sunday morning, and formed a noticeable element in the congregation. Then, and since, they have always been included with our own children in the annual Sunday School picnic and other treats. A little later Mr. George H. Greig and his family threw in their lot with the church. Mr. Greig made his influence felt, first on the Managing

Board, then in the eldership and the Laymen's Missionary Committee, and indeed in every department of the church's activities, until impaired health obliged him to leave Winnipeg. Even after he went to live in California he kept in constant touch with Augustine, and continued to be a liberal contributor to its funds.

In 1891, after enjoying the leadership of Mr. Baird for four years, the congregation reached the stage when it was able to command the full time of a minister, and Mr. Baird resigned to open the way for a new pastor. The Rev R. G. MacBeth, M.A., of Carman, was called, and inducted on the 28th October, 1891. The little wooden church soon became too small, and during Mr. MacBeth's pastorate of a little more than eight years, numerous additions and improvements were made. Wings were added to each side of the building which almost doubled its seating capacity. A lean-to was added at the back, primarily to accommodate the infant class of the Sunday School, but also used for many other purposes. A basement was excavated under the building, and a heating surface installed. Electric light replaced coal-oil lamps, and pews took the place of chairs. Mr. MacBeth accepted a call to First Church, Vancouver, in 1900, and the Rev Gilbert B. Wilson, Ph.D., was ordained and inducted in Augustine Church on the 4th December in the same year.

The yearly progress which had already been made continued in an even more conspicuous degree under Dr. Wilson, and in 1903 the erection of the stately and commodious church we now have was undertaken. There was a proposal to remove further south to the corner of Osborne and Stradbrooke, but the final decision was in favour of the old site. Additional land was purchased, and the first sod was turned on the 25th April. Lady McMillan, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, laid the corner stone in June, and on the 16th October, 1904, the building was dedicated. Principal Patrick and Principal Sparling preaching on the first Sunday, and Dr. Baird and Dr. Kilpatrick on the second Sunday. The church



Rev R. G. MacBeth, D.D.
Second Minister of Augustine 1891—1900

is a handsome stone building of Gothic design, surmounted by a tower 175 feet high. Accommodation is provided for 1100 worshippers. The scheme of decoration in the interior is in keeping with the rich coloring of the windows and the walnut pews. The walls are tinted a soft pastel green, shading from a darker color below to a lemon green above. A dark green wilton carpet covers the aisles and platform. The choir loft is behind and five feet above the pulpit platform. The building cost \$55,000, and a year after its erection a pipe organ was installed by the Karn Organ Co. at a cost of \$4,000 more. When the erection of the new church was begun, the old church was moved to the back of the property, and was used as a place of worship while the new building was being erected, and for Sunday School purposes afterwards. In 1909 this old building was replaced by the Guild Hall, which was added to the rear of the church at a cost of \$30,000. During the summer of 1926 the choir loft was abolished, and a place made for the choir in front of the pulpit, and in 1927 the whole church was redecorated and an improved lighting system installed.

Dr. Wilson took a conspicuous place in the life of the city, and when the reorganization of the University of Manitoba was planned he was appointed a member of the Commission which visited many of the cities of older Canada and the U.S. in search of information. A lengthy visit paid to Europe and Palestine brought a rich harvest of lectures and sermonic illustrations to the congregation. When Dr. Wilson was called to High Park Church in Toronto in 1915, and left us after a fruitful pastorate of fifteen years, the congregation called the Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon of Vancouver, who for ten years held us by his masterly preaching and his virile leadership. On account of his popularity in many directions, we were obliged to share him now and then with other claimants. He served for a year as President of International Rotary, and while church union was in the air, he was called upon to spend considerable time in pressing its claims. In 1925 he was called to Erskine Church, Montreal, and his place was taken by Dr. R. B. Cochrane, who came to us from



Rev. G. B. Wilson, D.D.
Third Minister of Augustine 1900—1915



Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, C.T.
Fourth Minister of Augustine 1616—1625



Rev. R. B. Cochrane, D.D.
Fifth Minister of Augustine
Inducted January 1st, 1926

College Street Church, Toronto, and who has already greatly endeared himself to his people.

The work of the church had grown so much by 1911 that an assistant to the minister was obviously needed, and Mr. W. D. Bayley, B.A., was secured. He was followed by the Rev. G. A. Little, B.D., Mr. J. G. Bompas, B.A., and the Rev. G. H. Best, B.A. Their periods of service were brief, the longest being that of Mr. Little, who continued with us for almost a year and a half. When Dr. Pidgeon came, his preference was for a secretary rather than an assistant minister, and the services of Miss Twedell were secured. When her health gave way after a year of service, Miss Mary Hollinrake came to us, and for nearly eleven years has been the minister's secretary, and the friend and helper of everyone in the congregation. Her work has been invaluable.

The Sunday services have always been characterized by a reverent simplicity, but there have been changes accompanying the growth of the congregation and the trend of modern public worship. Naturally the most noticeable have been in the musical service, where a larger choir and a better organ have made the noblest sacred music available. Possibly the best remembered leaders in this department have been Mrs. H. M. Drummond, Miss Christina Fraser (now Mrs. John Watson), who for years played the little reed organ in the church, Miss Mary Robertson and Mr. Fred M. Gee, organists in the new church; Mr. J. J. Moncrieff, for twenty years the able and sympathetic choirmaster; and Mrs. E. M. Counsell, whose fine contralto voice still haunts the memory. For one winter the experiment was tried of beginning the evening service at seven-thirty o'clock instead of seven, but other churches which were expected to adopt the same hour held back, and Augustine reverted to the earlier usage. The audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer was introduced in 1914, and the responsive reading of a Psalm became part of the morning service in January, 1924. Elders' districts were established in 1903, and the quarterly pre-communion visits of elders have been kept up with remarkable fidelity ever since. The beginning of evening

communion services dates back to 1906. This service was intended at first for those who could not get to church in the morning, but latterly the younger members of the congregation have been encouraged to make this their special service.

The Sunday School has from the earliest days been carried on by a group of consecrated men and women who do not grow weary in well doing. Names worthy of honorable mention in this connection are those of Gordon Russell, who served as Superintendent of the School for nine years; A. E. Scott, Duncan Cameron, A. E. Lawson, A. D. Mitchell, A. B. Smith; T. B. Moffat, and S. A. Campbell, who is now Superintendent.

The congregation, from the time of its organization, was keenly interested in missionary work. Dr. James Robertson, the Superintendent of Home Missions, often preached in the church, and roused its members by his stirring messages of what was being done, and what should be done in our own Northwest. Mrs. James Russell, the mother, as time went on, of three missionaries to India and the Philippines, never lost an opportunity in her unobtrusive way of testifying to the responsibility of the church for world evangelism. The congregation was not financially burdened by paying the half-salary of a minister, and its other running expenses were few and modest; so its hands were comparatively free to help work beyond its own bounds.

In the first year of its existence, the church contributed \$261.00 for missionary and benevolent work, and this increased year by year, until in 1912 Augustine celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by a missionary thank-offering of \$25,000, this achievement being made possible by gifts of \$5000.00 each from the Hon. Edward Brown and Mr. J. D. McArthur.

The contribution of \$40,000 which Augustine Church made for the Forward Movement in 1919 was by special request of the Mission Board, devoted to the erection of a library building for Shantung Christian University, China,

and the building on that account was called Augustine Library. This library has since received, year by year, a handsome contribution from the church for its upkeep, in addition to the regular missionary contributions which the congregation makes to the budget. In 1900 this congregation undertook the support of a missionary of its own, and the Rev. J. D. MacRae, B.D., of Honan, was assigned to us. He is now Dr. MacRae, and the acting President of Shantung Christian University, and we have had for years abundant reason to be proud of the fine service he has rendered.

For the past three years the average missionary and benevolent givings of the congregation, including the contributions of the Women's Missionary Society, and the gifts for the Shantung Library, amount to \$16,279 per year.

It is not only in gifts of money that Augustine has shown its interest in missions: it has made contributions in the lives of its members. Norman and Frank Russell went to India, Jean Russell (Mrs. J. A. Hall) to the Philippines, Vera Hull to India, and Donald M. Black to Korea.

From the beginning of the history of the congregation, the Women's Missionary Society was active, both in the Home and Foreign fields of endeavor, and more recently the United Women's Society has furnished a fine channel for the expression of the devotion of the women of the church to the helping of women and children at home and abroad. The Ladies' Aid Society has for many years contributed handsomely both to the finance of the congregation and to the furtherance of sociability and good cheer among its members.

The church owes much of its success to the business men whose time and experience have been ungrudgingly given to the advancement of its interests. Among the men who have served in this field, and most of whom have served for a period as Chairman of the Board or its Treasurer, are D. W. Bole, A. C. Archibald, D. E. Adams, J. P. Robertson, N. T. Macmillan, A. L. Johnson, J. K. Bruce, J. M. Wright, A. L. Crossin, Horace Ormond,

J. H. G. Russell, Wm. Hood, J. B. McLaren, Judge Myers, and W. J. Logan.

At the last annual meeting, the Session reported the membership of the congregation to be 1334 and the Sunday School, including officers and cradle roll, 757. Forty years may seem a trifling period in older lands and older cities, but for us it is our whole life, and it compasses a period of the profoundest importance in the life of our country. These have been the days of beginnings of sturdy growth and of confident manhood. May God give us grace to use our powers for Him, and may the forty years that are gone be a stepping stone to higher things.



The First Church—Dedicated August 7th, 1887.
Re-opened [enlarged as above] August 29th 1892.

SOME OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS



Andrew Curle



Mrs. R. S. Jackson



Mrs. A. B. Baird



Mrs. Wm. Johnstone

THESE ARE STILL MEMBERS OF AUGUSTINE

WHO ARE STILL LIVING



Rev. T. W. Taylor, Ph.D.
St. Andrews, N.B.



Mrs. F. M. Westbrook
Nee Annie Taylor



Mrs. R. M. Thomson
Nee Janet C. Taylor



Rev. Dr. Frank Russell
Missionary in Dhar, India.



James Russell Jr.
Tacoma, Washington



Mrs. I. L. McInnis
Nee Lizzie Russell
Neepawa, Man.



Mrs. H. Simpkin
Nee Janet Curle
Regina, Sask.



Mrs. R. B. Douglas
Nee Lily Jackson
Edmonton, Alta.

THESE RESIDES ELSEWHERE

Elders of Augustine since its Organization

	Date of Induction	Date of Demission
Thomas Wardlaw Taylor	April 8, 1888	Resigned Jan. 10, 1896
James Russell	April 8, 1888	Resigned Oct. 3, 1888
John McKinnon	April 8, 1888	Died Feb. 19, 1918
Andrew B. Baird	Oct. 22, 1893	Died Nov. 26, 1894
Hugh Ross	Oct. 22, 1893	
Ekin Fred Stephenson	Nov. 26, 1893	
William Jackson	April 20, 1902	Died Aug. 17, 1921
George H. Greig	April 20, 1902	Resigned Jan. 26, 1920
J. W. G. Watson	April 20, 1902	Resigned Aug. 31, 1903
Andrew Curleag	Feb. 13, 1905	
Ogden Hinch	Feb. 13, 1905	
John M. Campbell	Feb. 13, 1905	Died Sept. 9, 1908
John Hogg	Feb. 26, 1906	Died Jan. 10, 1924
Duncan Cameron	March 17, 1907	Resigned 1910
T. B. Moffat	March 17, 1907	
T. Gordon Russell	March 17, 1907	
A. F. Scott	May 14, 1908	
Alexander Baird	May 14, 1908	Resigned Feb. 12, 1923
Bryce Innis	May 14, 1908	Resigned March 26, 1925
W. W. Robson	July 10, 1910	Resigned 1912
Edward Brown	July 10, 1910	
W. A. Smart	July 10, 1910	Resigned 1911
W. J. Black	Sept. 20, 1911	Resigned Sept. 29, 1915
R. B. Mitchell	Sept. 20, 1911	
John Cameron	Sept. 23, 1913	
John A. Beattie	May 23, 1913	Died Aug. 14, 1924
H. H. Hinch	May 23, 1913	Resigned Jan. 7, 1921
A. G. McArthur	May 23, 1913	
F. C. Gilbert	May 23, 1913	Resigned Oct. 25, 1915
James S. Whyte	May 23, 1913	
N. B. MacLean	April 11, 1915	Resigned, Sept. 27, 1927
A. E. Lawson	April 11, 1915	
J. H. G. Russell	Nov. 26, 1916	Resigned March 22, 1926
Wm. Hood	Nov. 26, 1916	Resigned Sept. 19, 1923
W. W. Fraser	Nov. 26, 1916	
John D. Atchison	Jan. 13, 1918	Resigned April 6, 1925
Sydney A. Campbell	Jan. 13, 1918	Resigned Oct. 12, 1920
Thos. Gibson	Jan. 13, 1918	Died Feb. 1, 1920
James Hyslop	Jan. 13, 1918	
W. D. LeBoutiller	Jan. 13, 1918	
G. A. McMillan	Jan. 13, 1918	
W. G. Rutherford	Jan. 13, 1918	
Arthur A. Stoughton	Jan. 13, 1918	
John MacKay	Sept. 8, 1919	
F. M. Blight	Jan. 28, 1923	
J. M. Carruthers	Jan. 28, 1923	
George Florence	Jan. 28, 1923	
E. W. B. Loughhead	Jan. 28, 1923	
A. D. Mitchell	Jan. 28, 1923	
J. B. Robertson	Jan. 28, 1923	
James Veitch	Jan. 28, 1923	
Donald M. Black	Dec. 28, 1924	
A. D. Campbell	May 10, 1925	
Ralph S. Carey	May 10, 1925	
Reginald M. Lawrence	May 10, 1925	
George C. Boyd	May 10, 1925	
E. D. Honeyman	Jan. 30, 1927	
W. C. McKillop	Jan. 30, 1927	
H. J. Pugh	Jan. 30, 1927	
W. B. Sword	Jan. 30, 1927	
Geo. A. Young	Jan. 30, 1927	
Harold H. Ross	Feb. 6, 1927	

Chairman of the Board of Managers**1887 to 1927**

1887	Chief Justice Taylor	1910	W. A. McLeod
1888	"	1911	"
1889	"	1912	J. H. G. Russell
1890	"	1913	"
1891	"	1914	"
1892	"	1915	N. T. Macmillan
1893	W. M. Urquhart	1916	"
1894	Hugh Ross	1917	"
1895	William Jackson	1918	A. L. Crossin
1896	"	1919	"
1897	"	1920	"
1898	"	1921	"
1899	"	1922	Horace Ormond
1900	"	1923	"
1901	"	1924	"
1902	D. W. Bole	1925	W. J. Logan
1903	"	1926	"
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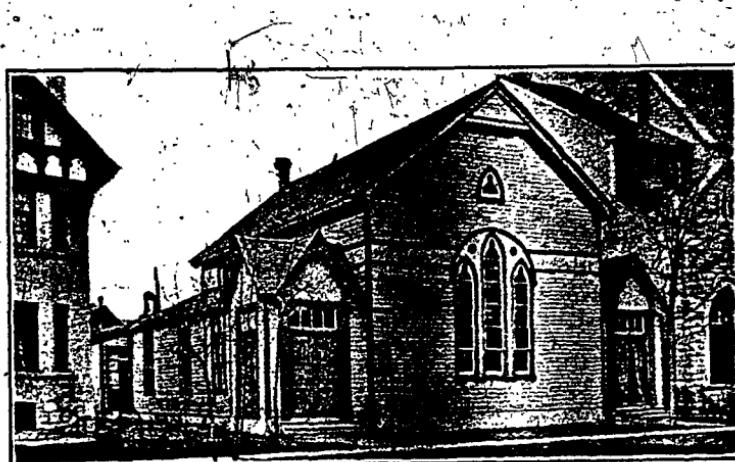
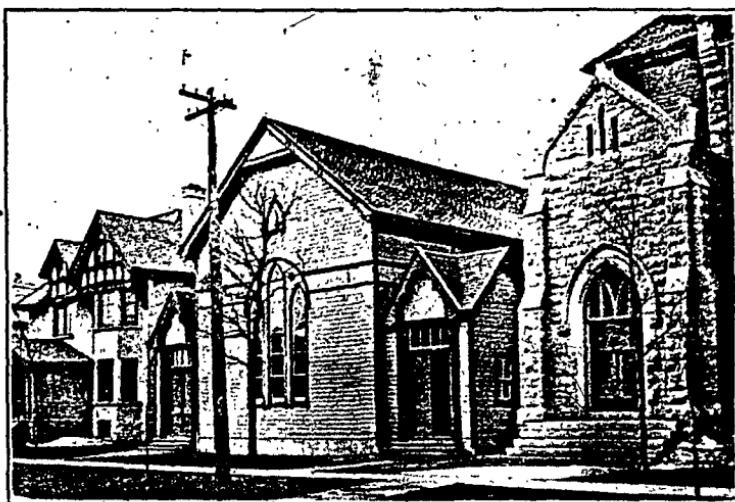
REMINISCENCES BY REV. WARDLAW TAYLOR, PH.D.

(Dr. Taylor was one of the charter members of Augustine, and is a son of Sir Thos. Taylor, who played such a large part in the organization of the congregation. When the Minister wrote to Dr. Taylor in reference to our fortieth anniversary, he replied very cordially, and sent the following reminiscences. They will be read with great interest.)

'It is hard to realise that it is forty years since Augustine was founded. It seems so vivid in my recollection. I well remember the day that spring when Dr. Robertson called at Cheddleton Croft. He was a constant visitor, but that day he came to ask father if, in the event of a new mission being opened in Fort Rouge, he would leave Knox Church and cast in his lot with it. Father told him that it would be useless. He had already canvassed the situation, and there were not enough Presbyterians in the district. They went over the list of names one by one. Then Dr. Robertson said, "Besides these there is a group of Scottish families about whom you know nothing. They live out by Pembina Avenue, beyond the bush." Father looked at him for a few moments and then said, "Will you secure the sanction of Presbytery to the establishment of a new congregation?" The Doctor said "Yes." "Then," said father, "I will see to the rest." Within a very few days he had purchased the lots at the corner of River Avenue and Royal Street, made all arrangements with Mr. McKinnon for building, given him an order on Dick, Banning & Co. for the lumber, and on Ashdown's for the hardware. When the church was opened by Rev. Thomas MacPherson of Stratford, (I forget the exact Sunday although I was present), a congregational meeting was called. That was the first meeting of any kind in connection with the formation of the congregation. Father laid before the meeting all the accounts for the site, building and furnishings, not as a present, he could not afford that, but fully paid, and with himself as the only creditor.

Upon one point Dr. Robertson and father differed. The Doctor expected to establish a Mission. Father had been a member of the Home Mission Committee for years (when your father was Convenor, and even before the Union of 1875), and he held strong views as to the use of Home Mission Funds within cities. In a city everyone could reach some church, and he objected to congregations being assisted simply for the greater convenience of people. It was long years before we could make him take a more liberal view of the degenerate tendencies of the times. As it was, he was determined that Augustine should never be a Mission. So he went to Dr. King with a proposal. Mr. Baird had resigned Edmonton and was for the moment free. His suggestion was that he should be asked to give half his time as a lecturer in Manitoba College and half as supply at Augustine. Between the College and the Church he might receive a sufficient stipend. I think that the years have amply proved the wisdom of the arrangement for all parties.

In those days everything was done to save money, and the Taylors,



The Old Church as it appeared between the New Church and
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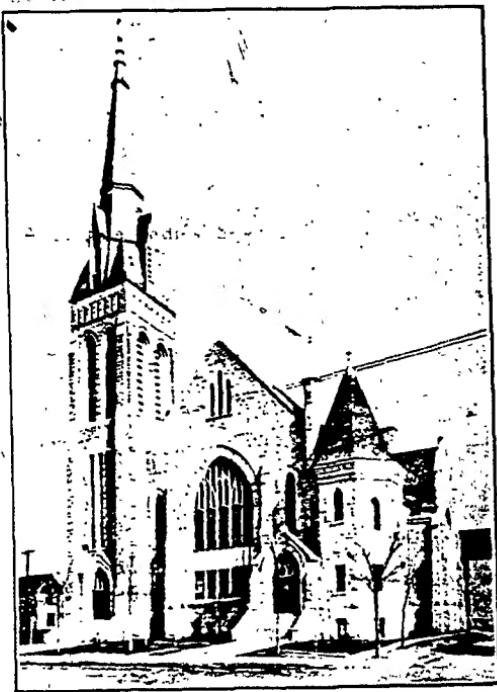
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